

## Freelancer.com Teams up with the US Department of Energy to Crowdfund the Future of Manufacturing

**SAN FRANCISCO**, October 24, 2018: Freelancer.com and the United States Department of Energy strike landmark deal to uncover new solutions that will help transform the American manufacturing industry.

[Freelancer.com](https://www.freelancer.com), the world's largest freelancing and crowdsourcing marketplace by users and jobs posted, has joined forces with the United States Department of Energy to help crowdsource new solutions aimed at making manufacturing smarter and more energy efficient.

Tasked with employing transformative science and technology solutions to address the country's energy, environmental and nuclear challenges, the U.S. Department of Energy is on the hunt for fresh ideas to develop the next generation of manufacturing technologies for American industry.

The new partnership sees the Department of Energy and Freelancer.com tap into the power of crowdsourcing with contests to find the best innovative solutions to increase manufacturing energy productivity in the United States and strengthen the country's industrial base – a critical focus area in the Department of Energy's mission.

The new partnership sees the Department of Energy launch its [Manufacturing Innovator Challenge](#) on the Freelancer.com marketplace, giving talented individuals across the United States the chance to pitch innovative designs for things like industrial 3D printing, bioenergy, buildings and vehicle technologies.

The Challenge sees individual prizes for freelancers ranging from US\$2,500 to US\$10,000, which will be awarded to innovators with the best solutions for some of today's biggest manufacturing challenges.

"As Freelancer.com's ongoing and very successful partnership with NASA has demonstrated, crowdsourcing new ideas can be a powerful way to find and promote innovation," said Freelancer.com's Vice President, Enterprise, Sarah Tang.

"While NASA has drawn on Freelancer.com to help find solutions for everything from robotic mechanisms on the International Space Station and training course materials, it is now the U.S. Department of Energy's turn to tap into the millions of talented freelancers in the Freelancer.com marketplace.

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“This new partnership between Freelancer.com and the U.S. Department of Energy may well deliver industry-changing solutions to problems in the manufacturing and energy sectors,” said Ms Tang.

There are six manufacturing prize opportunities in the Department of Energy’s Challenge series on the Freelancer.com marketplace with contests for:

- Design concepts for additive manufacturing for disaster response
- Design concepts for large-scale 3D printing
- A biobased additive manufacturing prize
- A low-cost portable refrigerant leak detector for residential use
- A solid state lighting manufacturing concept
- A lightweight turbocharger turbine wheel

Freelancers across the United States are invited by Freelancer.com and the Department of Energy to submit their ideas and designs to help open up a new future for manufacturing energy productivity while also having the chance to win up to US\$10,000.

Read Sarah Tang’s [blog post](#) about Freelancer.com’s new crowdsourcing partnership with the Department of Energy and how the Manufacturing Innovator Challenge will help to deliver a new future for American manufacturing.

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